

MOTION

TRANSPORTATION

Dockless Bike Share

Bike sharing is experiencing substantial growth in Los Angeles. Docked bike share systems have been established in cities around Los Angeles County, including the City of Los Angeles, by both public and private operators.

To date, dockless bike share systems have not been permitted in the City of Los Angeles. Dockless bike share has the potential to reduce the cost per ride and bring bike share accessibility to parts of the City that could not financially sustain a docked bike share system, as well as more options to areas that can.

Regulations and pilot programs for dockless bike sharing would also add new options to the mobility mix in Los Angeles, providing more accessible options for Angelenos to engage in active and community-based transportation. Regulations should also consider the experience of other cities in the United States and China that have experienced haphazard rollouts of programs that led to bikes being left in a fashion that cluttered the public right of way. Special consideration should be given to the concerns raised in Motion (Bonin - Huizar) (C.F. 17-0391).

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Transportation and the Bureau of Street Services with the assistance of the City Attorney, be instructed to conduct outreach within 30 days to interested dockless bike sharing companies to develop a pilot program to test dockless bike sharing in Los Angeles and generate data and feedback on how to design a dockless bike sharing regulatory model that enables dockless bike sharing while mitigating the risk of bikes being left in a fashion that clutters the public right of way.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation and the Bureau of Street Services with the assistance of the City Attorney, be instructed to develop a regulatory framework and permit process, based on the information learned from the pilot program(s), to allow dockless bike sharing that allows the parking of bikes in the public right-of-way, and not be subject to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.73.1 prohibitions.

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